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ROUGH DRAFT: An activist spray-paints the controversial security wall erected by Israel in the West Bank. **More:** Israel to expand settlements in Gaza Strip, see page 5

Iraqi Informant Will Get \$30M For Fatal Tipoff

BAGHDAD | The Bush administration approved a \$30 million payment Thursday to the informant who led U.S. troops to Saddam Hussein's two sons. Secretary of State Colin Powell decided

that the informant whose tip led to the deaths of Uday and Qusay Hussein in a firefight July 22 in a villa in Mosul in northern Iraq should get both of the \$15 million rewards put on the men's heads.

"It's actually for services rendered," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington. "It's a lump sum payment of \$30 million."

For his protection, the informant has not been identified, but Iraqis suspect it was the owner of the hideout house. **NIKO PRICE (AP)**

N. Korea Concedes On Talks

Decision by Kim Jong Il breaks impasse with U.S.

WASHINGTON | North Korea, dropping its insistence on one-on-one talks with the United States, is ready to accept a U.S. proposal for six-way talks on ending its nuclear weapons programs, the State Department said Thursday.

Officials said they expect the United States and North Korea to be joined by China, South Korea, Japan and Russia to discuss the issue.

The U.S. administration has been seeking a discussion with those participants but North Korea had insisted on a bilateral meeting to negotiate a nonaggression treaty.



Kim Jong Il

President Bush learned of North Korea's acceptance from Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday.

"We're very encouraged by indications that North Korea is accepting our proposals for multilateral talks," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

In April, officials from the United States, North Korea and China met unsuccessfully to review the situation.

The United States first broached the idea of broad international negotiations last fall after North Korea confirmed U.S. suspicions that it was developing nuclear weapons. **GEORGE GEDDA (AP)**



The Butt of Jokes: J-Lo and Ben-Yo indulge themselves, and each other, in "Gigli"; Jim and Michelle get hitched, hijinks ensue in "American Wedding." Also, "Showgirls" rides the pole again on VH1; DMX performs at Dream, the Going Out Gurus of Got Plans think you should get out more. **ENTERTAINMENT** | 11-13

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ANIMAL WATCH Wings of Fury

Brisbane, Australia, city officials are tired of dealing with about 50 pigeon-like ibis birds wandering city squares and snatching food from lunching workers, so they've called in the cavalry: a wedge-tailed eagle named Soren. Although the bird looks fearsome, with its large beak and 6-foot wing-span, handler Paul Mander told Australia's Sunday Mail newspaper Soren is trained to scare, not kill the ibis. "He's basically a big fluffy chicken," Mander said. (EXPRESS)



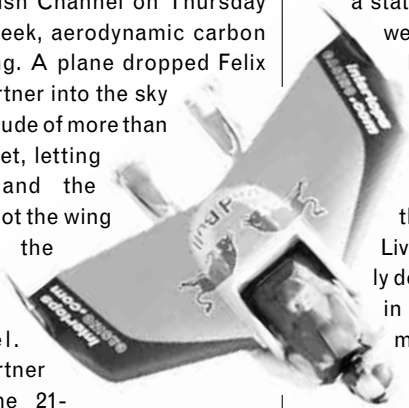
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TRAVEL Believe It Or Not, He's Walking on Air

An Austrian who specializes in high-risk parachute jumps flew across the English Channel on Thursday with a sleek, aerodynamic carbon fiber wing. A plane dropped Felix Baumgartner into the sky at an altitude of more than 30,000 feet, letting gravity and the wind shoot the wing through the air and over the Channel. Baumgartner made the 21-mile trip in 14 minutes. (AP)

THE GREAT BEYOND Dead Can Protest

Two dozen people who call themselves "the Living Dead" held a Hindu last rites ceremony outside a state assembly in India this week to protest their plight: being wrongly declared dead and losing their property to conniving relatives and officials. Lal Bihari, president of the Association of the Living Dead, has been legally dead for 18 years. He's run in two elections for prime minister and appeared on the ballot, but he hasn't been able to get his property back. (AP)



TECH Mom.com is Proud

The former Karin Robertson knew her new name might stick when she got this phone message recently:

"Hi, GoVeg.com. This is your mother. Please call me." The animal rights activist from Norfolk, Va., legally changed her name to a Web site run by her employer, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. (AP)

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Hoax Suspect Gives Up

Woman posing as missing girl surrenders

INDIANAPOLIS | When Donna Lynette Walker was a child, friends say, she has delighted in disrupting lives: She made crank calls in disguised



Donna Walker

voices and concocted fabricated hard-luck stories.

Authorities say that last weekend, Walker called the parents of a girl abducted

17 years ago and pretended to be their daughter. The girl's family was crushed when they learned on Wednesday that Walker's story was a lie.

Walker, 35, surrendered Thursday in Topeka, Kan., where she is believed to live.

She has been charged with identity deception and false reporting for committing what police called a "cruel hoax."

Police said Walker likely used the Internet to find details on the case of Shannon Marie Sherrill.

Walker continued the ruse for days, allegedly calling Shannon's family members, police and the news media—posing as at least two other people in the process.

RYAN LENZ (AP)



A Canadair CL-215 scooper aircraft drops down to retrieve water from Lake MacDonald to fight the Robert Fire in Glacier National Park, Mont. on Thursday.

Montana's Fire Fight

Crews slow 19,000 acre blaze's spread

WEST GLACIER, MONT. | Residents of this gateway community to Glacier National Park may be allowed to return home soon, a sign that firefighters have made gains against a wildfire that threatened the town and park headquarters.

Two days of successful backfires

created a barrier between the town and the advancing fire.

About 500 residents evacuated the area earlier this week when the blaze roared their direction.

Fire managers warned Thursday that the nearly 19,000-acre blaze could run the other direction, fueled by dry woodland, erratic winds and temperatures above 100. (AP)

Poindexter to Quit Over Bets Project

Former Iran-Contra figure out at Pentagon

WASHINGTON | Retired Adm. John Poindexter will resign his position at the Pentagon after the uproar over a research project he was overseeing that included a kind of futures market on political violence in the Middle East.

A senior defense official said Thursday that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld realized it would be hard for Poindexter to remain after the controversy.

The Pentagon plan would have allowed traders to profit by predicting assassinations and terrorist strikes in the Middle East.

The official said Rumsfeld did not ask for Poindexter's resignation

but the former admiral is expected to offer it within a few weeks.

Poindexter was national security adviser to President Reagan. He was a key figure in the 1980s Iran-Contra scandal.

The project was disclosed Monday amid criticism from lawmakers of both parties.

On Tuesday, Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) said defense officials told him they would end the program.

Congress has also criticized the Pentagon's Defense Research Projects Agency, where Poindexter works, for its Terrorism Information Awareness program, a computerized surveillance program that has raised privacy concerns.

Poindexter also heads that program. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

Librarians Battle Patriot Act

BOULDER, COLO. | To Priscilla Hudson, public libraries are society's great equalizer, a place where anyone should be able to go to learn.

Hudson, manager of Boulder's main library, is among a number of librarians nationwide who oppose a provision in the USA Patriot Act that gives authorities access to records



Priscilla Hudson

of what people check out from libraries or buy from bookstores.

The law is why Boulder librarians have lately been purging their files on patrons every week, not every couple of months. And experts say other libraries are doing similar things.

The Justice Department says the Patriot Act, enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, is crucial in the war on terrorism. Critics say it gives the government too much power to peer into citizens' private lives. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

GOP Loses Appeals Court Nominee Vote in Senate

Senate Republicans on Thursday lost their third attempt this week to push one of President Bush's judicial nominees through the Senate, with Democrats blocking conservative Alabama Attorney General William Pryor from the U.S. Appeals Court. Pryor only got 53 votes, not the 60 needed from the 100-member Senate to win a seat on the 11th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals in Atlanta, leading Republicans to immediately denounce the third Democratic filibuster this week. (AP)

NEW YORK

Times Picks Two To Replace Managing Editor

The New York Times named a pair of new managing editors Thursday, replacing one of the executives forced to resign over the Jayson Blair plagiarism scandal. Jill Abramson, the Times' Washington bureau chief, and John Geddes, the paper's deputy managing editor, will replace Gerald Boyd. It's the

first time the Times will have two managing editors. (AP)

WASHINGTON

U.S.-Mexico Crackdown Targets Drug Ring

A U.S.-Mexican effort to dismantle a major drug trafficking cartel has led to more than 240 arrests. A 19-month investigation, known as "Operation Trifecta," was aimed at crippling the Zambada-Garcia organization. U.S. officials, armed with 50 search warrants, arrested 63 people Thursday in the United States; Mexican police apprehended four suspects. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

Hearing in Videotaped Beating Case Likely in Sept.

Prosecutors say they'll press for a hearing within 60 days in the case of Jeremy Morse, a former police officer who was videotaped slamming a handcuffed teenaged suspect against his squad car last year. Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley announced Wednesday he would ask for a new assault trial, saying a verdict was "important for the community." The announcement came a day after a judge declared a mistrial when jurors deadlocked

7-5 in favor of convicting the former Inglewood officer. (AP)

CAPE CORAL, FLA.

Residents Hate That Dirty Water

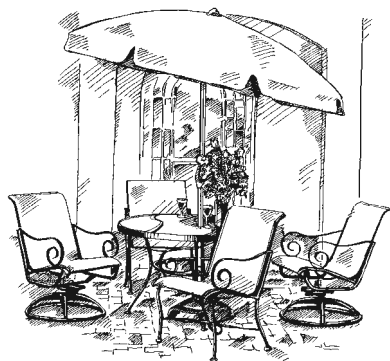
Utility workers mistakenly hooked up four homes to the city's treated wastewater instead of its purified drinking water. Although the lines have been fixed, many still have health concerns.

Resident Ron Kazel learned Wednesday that his water had been connected to the irrigation system since June. "I'm livid," Kazel said. (AP)

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Nation

U.S. To Test Air Security System

Personal data would be held for 50 years

WASHINGTON | The government announced Thursday it will test a nationwide system for checking personal information on airline passengers, a post-Sept. 11 security initiative that has raised concerns about privacy and false identification of people as terrorists.

The Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System seeks to streamline the airport screening process by flagging only those pas-

sengers deemed potential security risks.

The move will benefit travelers by ensuring fewer are stopped, Transportation Security Administration chief James Loy said.

The testing at a secure government location will take up to six months, according to Loy.

Loy said he hopes to implement the program in a year.

U.S. airline trade groups said they welcomed the plan because it could reduce security hassles that discourage people from traveling.

A first version of the congressionally mandated system, announced in February, brought protests from privacy advocates. They complained it would give the government access to too much personal information.

There also was concern people could wrongly be labeled threats because their names were the same as terrorists.

Loy said the revised system would prevent that from happening because it confirms people's identities. LESLIE MILLER (AP)

Roommate Suggests Self-Defense

Dotson also claimed he was hearing voices

WACO, TEXAS | The Baylor University basketball player accused of shooting a former teammate insisted he was not a bad person and said "some things happen that aren't in your control."

Carlton Dotson, in a jailhouse interview with The Dallas Morning News, suggested that the slaying of Patrick Dennehy was in self-defense and said he had been hearing voices.

"If someone points a gun at you and shoots and it doesn't go off, what would you do?" he asked. "If someone is pointing a gun at you and they start putting more bullets into the gun, what would you do?"

Asked what he did, Dotson only laughed and did not answer, the newspaper reported.

Dennehy had been missing about six weeks when his decomposed body was found Friday in a grassy field four miles from the Baylor campus. Dotson told FBI agents he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him, the arrest warrant affidavit said.

After his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press that he "didn't confess to anything." Since then, Dotson has not responded to a request from the AP for an interview. ANGELA K. BROWN (AP)

FESTIVALS | LIKE BUTTAH



IN GOOD TASTE: A sculpture of Wilber and Orville Wright, carved out of butter, stands on display at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus Thursday. It's part of an exhibit on the 100th anniversary of the brothers' first flight.

Revelers Break World Dance Party Record

CLEVELAND - Kool & the Gang's "Celebration" played early in the morning at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, marking what 41 marathon dancers hope is a new record for the longest dance party.

It will be a few weeks before the Guinness Book of World Records

confirms whether the record was broken, event spokesman Peter Collins said Thursday.

The group started dancing at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday and hit 51 hours — an hour past the 1999 record of 50 hours — at 8:10 a.m. Thursday.

Dancers were allowed to take 10-minute breaks every hour for food or trips to the bathroom. They also could stop between songs for up to 30 seconds, but otherwise had to at least be shifting their weight while on the dance floor. (AP)

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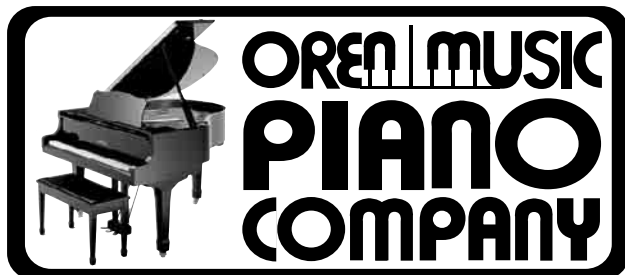
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World

Israel to Expand Gaza Settlement

A possible setback punctuates a week of flurried diplomacy

JERUSALEM | Israel said Thursday it would build new housing in a Gaza Strip settlement, angering Palestinians and raising questions about implementation of the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

Israel opened bidding for contracts to build 22 new homes in the largest Jewish settlement in Gaza, Neve Dekalim, where about 2,400 Israelis live.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the road map calls for a freeze on settlement activity. "A freeze is

a freeze," Boucher said.

The Israeli Defense Ministry said the 22 units were in the settlement's original plan, and their construction would not violate the road map because they reflect natural growth of the settlement.

However, according to the road map, Israel is required to cease all settlement activity, consistent with the Mitchell report. The Mitchell report is an international study from May 2001 that says Israel must freeze all activity, "including the 'natural growth' of existing settlements."

Palestinians demand that all settlements in the West Bank and Gaza be removed in the creation of a Palestinian state. MARK LAVIE (AP)

NATURAL WONDERS | INDONESIA'S MT. GAMALAMA



A SIGHT TO SEE: Villagers watch as a plume of hot volcanic ash billows from the crater of Mt. Gamalama in Indonesia. The active volcano erupted Thursday, blanketing the region with thick ash.

African Troops En Route to Liberia Capital

W. African leaders say peacekeepers to arrive on Monday

MONROVIA | Pushed by the United States, West Africa's leaders broke a deadlock Thursday and announced the first troops of a long-promised peace force would be deployed to Liberia's bloodied capital within days.

Tens of thousands of Liberians spilled into Monrovia's streets, celebrating the arrival of an advance military team.

In Accra, Ghana, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo and other West African leaders pledged Thursday to deploy the first peace forces by Monday and to get embattled President Charles Taylor out of the country three days later. The announcement came after weeks of promises to intervene, repeatedly stalled by deliberations over funding and broken cease-fires in Monrovia.

Two months of bloodletting in the capital has killed more than 1,000 civilians. (AP)

Saddam's Daughters in Jordan

AMMAN | Two of Saddam Hussein's daughters and their nine children received sanctuary Thursday in Jordan on humanitarian grounds, granted by King Abdullah II.

Raghad Saddam Hussein and Rana Saddam Hussein — who had reportedly been living in humble circumstances in the Iraqi capital since their father's ouster — arrived in Amman Thursday, Information

Minister Nabil al-Sharif told The Associated Press. He refused to say if they traveled through a third country.

Word of the arrival in Jordan of two of Saddam's five children came after his elder sons, Uday and Qusay, were killed in a July 22 fire fight with U.S. troops.

It was not clear if his daughters' departure from Iraq indicated the

hunt for their father was nearing an end. Some U.S. military officers in Iraq said the daughters' flight to Jordan was another sign that intensified sweeps are squeezing Saddam and other regime figures.

It was not clear whether the Americans had sought the daughters for questioning about their father. JAMAL HALABY (AP)

Putin Jabs U.S. Over Test Ban

MOSCOW | President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Russia would continue refraining from nuclear tests only on the condi-

tion that other nuclear powers do not conduct them. His statement appeared to be a thinly veiled warning to the United States, which has declined to ratify a global nuclear test ban. The Soviet Union conducted its last nuclear test explosion in 1990. (AP)

HEARSAY | VENEZUELA



"This country must be respected. We are not a colony."

—EMBATTLED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ, WARNING WASHINGTON NOT TO MEDDLE IN VENEZUELA'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS ON WEDNESDAY. CHAVEZ'S OPPONENTS ACCUSE HIM OF INEFFICIENT GOVERNANCE AND ARE PREPARING A NATIONWIDE VOTE ON WHETHER HE SHOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE.

THE VATICAN'S CASE AGAINST GAY MARRIAGES AND ADOPTIONS The Vatican issued a 12-page document Thursday urging Catholics and non-Catholics to unite in campaigning against gay unions. Excerpts:

IDEOLOGY "No ideology can erase from the human spirit the certainty that marriage exists solely between a man and a woman."

MORALS "Legal recognition of homosexual unions would obscure certain basic moral values."

VIOLENCE "Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children."

PAPAL JUSTICE "Refusing social recognition ... is only unacceptable when it is contrary to justice."

In Brief

CHECHNYA

Dozens of Separatists Killed in Southern Region

The Russian military killed 25 separatist rebels in a string of operations in southern Chechnya, a military spokesman said Thursday. The rebels were killed during reconnaissance and search operations over the previous 24 hours. Some 10 Russian servicemen were killed in the same period in clashes with the separatists and mine explosions. (AP)

BALKANS

War Crimes Tribunal Issues Steepest Punishment Yet

The U.N. war crimes tribunal for Yugoslavia imposed its harshest punishment to date Thursday, sentencing a Bosnian Serb politician to life in prison for exterminating or deporting thousands of Muslims and Croats in 1992. Milomir Stakic was convicted of being a leading figure in a campaign of persecution, though he was acquitted of three counts of genocide. (AP)

PAKISTAN

Country Nets \$256M as Reward for Supporting U.S.

Pakistan has received a payment of \$256 million from the United States for allowing American forces to use military bases for anti-terrorism operations in neighboring Afghanistan, an official said Thursday. The payment came through this week. President Pervez Musharraf allowed U.S. forces to use air bases in Pakistan for "logistical support" for operations against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. The exact role the bases played in the war has never been fully disclosed. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

Three Members of National Army Wounded by U.S. Fire

U.S. forces fired on a taxi when it failed to stop at a checkpoint outside a military base in eastern Kabul on Thursday, police and U.S. officials said. Four people in the taxi were wounded, police said. Three of the injured men were members of the fledgling Afghan national army, which is being trained at a nearby base by

Defense Spending Boosts Economy

44 percent growth in military spending anchors GDP

WASHINGTON | Stirring from months of stubborn listlessness, the economy pushed ahead in the second quarter at the fastest pace since last summer, boosted by surging military spending for the Iraq war. Consumer and business spending were higher, too.

GDP, the broadest barometer

of the economy's shape, expanded at an annual rate of 2.4 percent in the April to June quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The pickup included a stunning 44.1 percent growth rate in government defense spending, the largest increase since 1951.

The report on gross domestic product, coupled with another drop in new claims for unemployment benefits, raised hopes that America's economic health is on the mend. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

OTHER RESULTS

UNEMPLOYMENT New applications filed last week for unemployment benefits dropped by 3,000 to a five-month low of 338,000 claims.

CONSUMER SPENDING In the 2nd quarter, consumers increased their spending at a brisk 3.3%.

INVESTMENT Business, which cut spending on equipment and software in the first three months of the year, boosted such spending by a sizable 7.5 percent.

WorldCom Loses Federal Business

GSA suspends all business with embattled company

WASHINGTON | The General Services Administration suspended federal business with WorldCom on Thursday after an investigation concluded the bankrupt telecommunications giant lacks necessary internal controls and ethics.

WorldCom's government contracts are valued at more than \$1 billion each year. The company said it would not challenge the GSA decision, which does not affect existing government contracts.

"We are in the process of

rebuilding our ethics program and understand that there is still more work to do," chairman Michael Capellas said.

The GSA's decision is the latest blow to the company, which is seeking to adopt the name of its MCI long-distance division. It was among the fastest-growing and most aggressive players in the telecom and Internet boom until it was accused of falsifying information.

After it was driven into bankruptcy by an \$11 billion accounting scandal, it proposed changing its name in a bid to clean up its image. A bankruptcy court is considering efforts by the company to emerge from Chapter 11. DAVID HO (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ICI	10.94	+1.87	+20.6
Weider	3.01	+36	+13.6
FibrMrk	4.70	+56	+13.5
DanRivr	2.20	+20	+10.0
AsburyA	15.29	+1.34	+9.6

Losers

NewellRub	23.63	-4.79	-16.9
Applica	8.21	-1.53	-15.7
CardnHlt	54.75	-9.71	-15.1
Dynegy	3.17	-45	-12.4
Startek	30.00	-4.00	-11.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WaveSys	2.25	+1.41	+167.9
AirT Inc	4.00	+1.75	+77.7
RadyneC	3.48	+1.21	+53.3
ImunoGn	5.58	+1.84	+49.2
DiamClust	5.90	+1.60	+37.2

Losers

Overstk	10.81	-2.72	-20.1
HlthStrm	3.02	-.70	-18.8
GTC Bio	2.44	-.56	-18.7
Loudeye	2.02	-.45	-18.2
NvrlWrIs rs	4.30	-.72	-14.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.125	1.0625
3-month	0.92	0.90
2-year	1.75	1.54
10-year	4.41	4.17
30-year	5.36	5.09

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6211	.6181	.6399
Canadian Dollar	1.4072	1.3997	1.5835
European Euro	.8900	.8801	1.0231
Japanese Yen	120.61	120.21	119.84
Mexican Peso	10.5720	10.4640	9.8605
Taiwanese Dollar	34.41	34.39	33.75

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+33.75	+14.11	+2.82
+0.37	+0.82	+0.29
9233.80	1735.02	990.31

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	80.48	+.92	+39.7
AstraZen	40.22	-.73	+14.6
BarrLab s	67.55	+2.99	+55.7
Biovail	38.39	+1.54	+45.4
BrMySq	26.20	-.28	+13.2
ForestLb s	47.88	+36	-2.5
JohnJn	51.79	+.72	-3.6
LillyEli	65.84	-.71	+3.7
Merck	55.28	-.18	-2.3
Mylan s	33.77	+1.07	+45.1
Pfizer	33.36	-.03	+9.1
SchergPl	16.98	-.17	-23.5
ShirePh	23.43	+.64	+24.0
WatsonPh	39.94	+.04	+41.3
Wyeth	45.58	-.37	+21.9

Study: Music Downloaders Cavalier

WASHINGTON | Two-thirds of Internet users who download music don't care whether they're violating copyright laws, according to a new survey that highlights the uphill enforcement battle facing the recording industry.

The survey published Thursday by the nonprofit Pew Internet and American Life Project estimated that roughly 35 million American adults use file-sharing software, about 29 percent of Internet users.

TED BRIDIS (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: With their company dodging accusations of racketeering and antitrust violations, Boeing's 78,000 defense workers halted work for four hours Wednesday to undergo ethics training.

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MOVING FORWARD: Workers, who continue to make progress on the New Wilson Bridge project, stand on top of pedestals in the Potomac River.

Construction in action: washingtonpost.com/metro

Court: Lentz Must Stay Behind Bars

Former naval intelligence officer has to wait for appeal

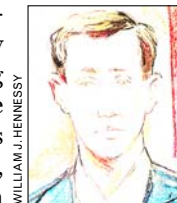
RICHMOND, VA. | A federal appeals court said Thursday that former naval intelligence officer Jay E. Lentz should remain in jail while prosecutors appeal a trial judge's order that would have freed him.

A panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted 2-1 to grant prosecutors' request for a stay of U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee's order.

Without the stay, Lentz could have been released on bond Thursday. The appeals court's order did not state any reasons for

the decision.

Lentz, 44, has been jailed since his arrest 27 months ago. A federal jury convicted him July 7 of kidnapping resulting in the death of his ex-wife, Doris, who vanished in April 1996.



Sketch of Lentz

Her body has never been found, though her car was found in the District.

Lee overturned the conviction on July 22, ruling that prosecutors never proved an essential legal element of their case — that Lentz held his ex-wife against her will. (AP)

Family Sues Shady Grove Nurse

ROCKVILLE, MD. | The embattled nurse who was fired earlier this week from Shady Grove Adventist Hospital is being sued by the relatives of a 54-year-old man who died at the hospital in October.

In a wrongful death lawsuit filed Wednesday in Montgomery County Circuit Court, the children of John Lieb claim Coleen M. Thompson injected an entire syringe of a "clear liquid" — perhaps morphine — into Lieb.

It is the second hospital death

the former nurse has been linked to in the past year.

Thompson was dismissed Tuesday by hospital officials. The Maryland Board of Nursing suspended Thompson's license earlier this month, alleging she did little to help a 63-year-old woman whose blood pressure was plummeting. The woman died July 6.

The Montgomery County state's attorney and police are investigating where to charge Thompson with a crime. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

Region

Metro Growth Slowed

Expansion past Dulles delayed

WASHINGTON | An expansion of the Metro past Dulles International Airport will now be built in two phases — and five years later than planned — due to financial pressures, Virginia transportation officials said Thursday.

The so-called Silver Line will cost more than \$3 billion.

Officials hope construction on the first part, extending the rail 11 miles from West Falls Church to Wiehle Avenue near Reston, will begin in 2005 and open in 2009. The other 12 miles to Route 772 into Loudoun County would open by 2015.

The federal government would pay half of the roughly \$1.5 billion cost of the first phase. The state and Fairfax County would split the rest — mainly through taxes and tolls in the area. (AP)

DCPS Employees Suspended for Spending Violations

WASHINGTON | Several principals and business managers are on administrative leave after a review uncovered apparent purchase card violations at six public schools during the past 18 months, D.C. public school officials said Thursday.

Up to 10 people are under suspension but the number may grow. (AP)

HEARSAY | THE JOB

“It’s left to me as mayor to take a bad deck of cards and make it work.”

— MAYOR ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS (D)
ON WTOP RADIO DISCUSSING THE D.C. COUNCIL VOTE ON WEDNESDAY REVERSING HIS VETO OF A BILL THAT COULD SUSPEND THE CITY’S CREDIT CARD PROGRAM

In Brief



D.C.’s commemorative stamp was unveiled Thursday morning.

THE DISTRICT Stamp Puts Stink to Rest

City and postal officials unveiled Thursday a new diamond-shaped stamp commemorating D.C. — laying to rest a stink fronted last year when a series of stamps were issued for all 50 states, but not the District.

The diamond reflects the city’s original shape before more than 30 miles were returned to Virginia. The stamp’s four corners depict part of the 1791 design for the city requested by George Washington, row houses from the Shaw neighborhood, cherry blossoms and a view of the National Mall. (AP)

THE DISTRICT After NYC Shooting, Mayor Will Use Metal Detector

In reaction to the fatal city hall-shooting of a New York councilman last week, Mayor Anthony A. Williams (D) vowed Thursday to start walking through the metal detector in his own city hall. He told WTOP radio he hopes members of the D.C. Council — who are also exempt — will follow his lead. (AP)

VIRGINIA Va. Rejects Report Critical Of Voting Machine

Election officials on Thursday certified a touch-screen voting system for use in elections this fall after dismissing a report by computer scientists last week that said the system was vulnerable to ballot tampering. The State Board of Elections gave Norfolk — the only locality putting in place the machines — the green light to use the system in November’s elections. (AP)

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Rising rates: Mortgage interest rates are on the rise. What should you do? **Real Estate.**

SUNDAY: 8/3

Crow mystery: Suddenly they were no longer hanging around her yard. What had happened to the crows? **The Washington Post Magazine.**

Laptop guide: What to know before you buy, including the argument for WiFi connection. **Business.**

GuidePost

Do, get, go: Five great vegetarian joints ... Dukes of Hazard anniversary ... tubing ... and more. **Sunday Source.**

Writers' demons: New works look at the inner battles of James Thurber, Patricia Highsmith and Robert Lowell. Plus: "Under the Banner of Heaven," by Jon Krakauer. **Book World.**

MONDAY: 8/4

On the edge: Take an irreverent look back at the weekend that was and a look ahead to the coming action in Monday Morning. **Sports.**

TUESDAY: 8/5

Care clash: Writer Amy Tan's belated diagnosis with late-stage Lyme disease dramatizes the gulf between mainstream doctors and alternative practitioners. **Health.**

Family tree: Get to your roots using the branches of our family tree graphic. **KidsPost.**

WEDNESDAY: 8/6

Grill once, eat thrice: Cook gets two nights off with this plan for grilling dinner one night and creative use of leftovers the next two. **Food.**

THURSDAY: 8/7

Destination Richmond: Virginia's capital is a surprising center of home furnishing finds. We report on a fruitful day trip. Plus: Security systems ... repelling deer ... and more. **Home.**

FRIDAY: 8/8

Fun starts here: Movies, music, clubs, events and more. This is your indispensable guide. **Weekend.**

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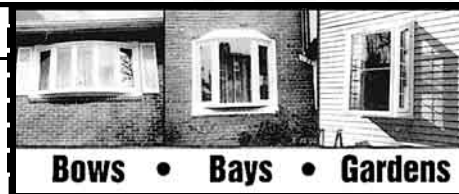
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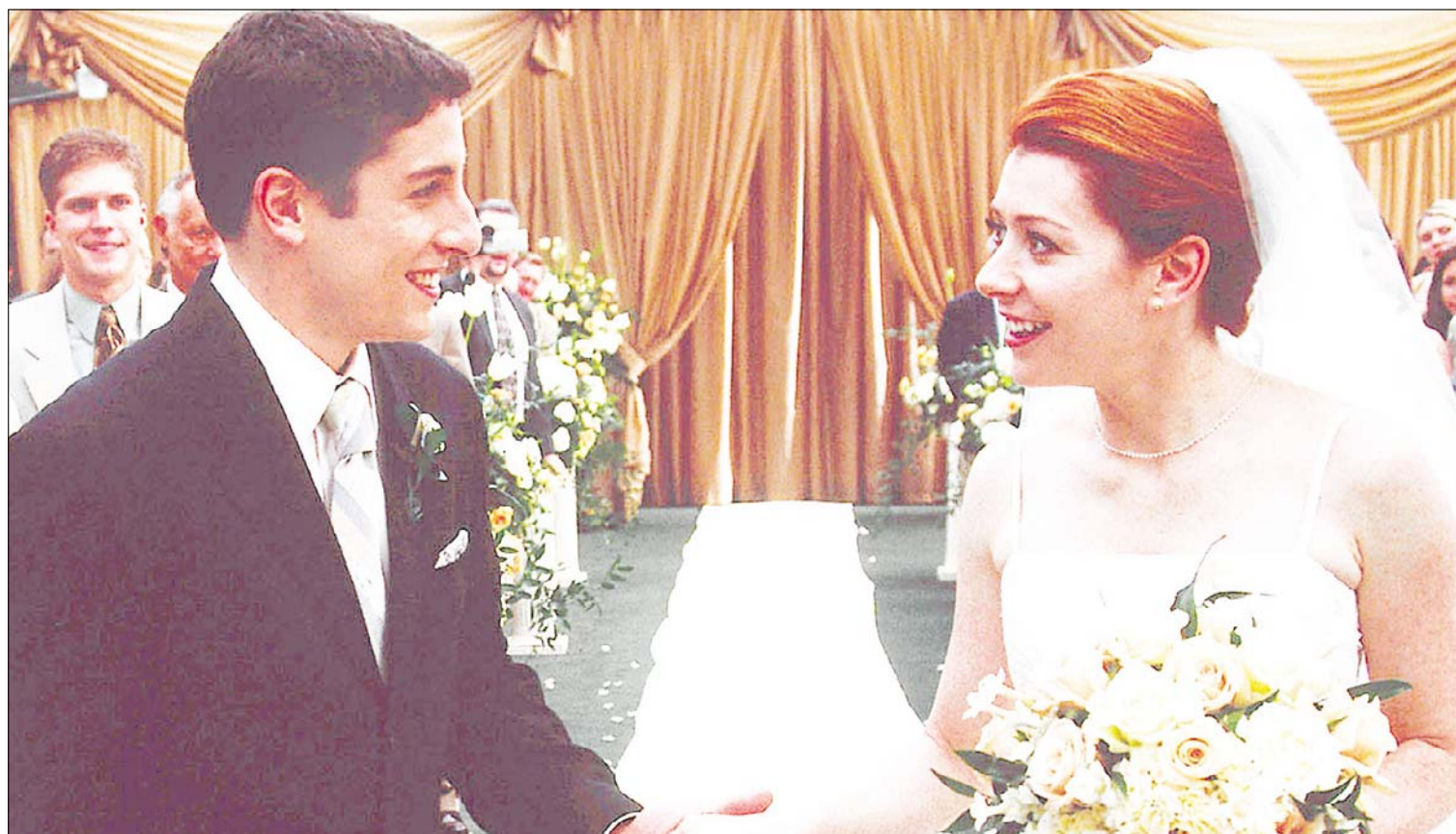
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Just Say 'I Don't'



The happy couple in a rare calm moment: Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) vow to love, honor and always laugh at fart jokes.

With crass 'Wedding,' honeymoon is over for 'American Pie' series

If the first "American Pie" movie was surprisingly sweet in 1999, and "American Pie 2" had a similar flavor but didn't taste quite as good, then "American Wedding" is enough to give you a stomach ache.

The third movie in the series isn't so much about the sex-crazed yet lovable group of kids from the first two installments. It's about the comeuppance of Stifler — and a little bit of Stifler goes a long way.

Played to a jumpy, juvenile frenzy by Seann William Scott, Stifler hasn't grown up like his friends Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan), who are getting married. He has



Stifler (Seann William Scott) mugs for the camera, and almost everything else.

a tantrum when he learns he's been excluded from the plans and proceeds to weasel his way in — and ruins everything.

By this stage, though, the whole exercise is essentially a series of gross-out gags with bits of dialogue tying them together.

One scene — in which Stifler stumbles into a gay bar and ends up competing in a dance-off to '80s songs — is mildly amusing at first but eventually seems interminable.

It's also indicative of a homophobic vibe that permeates Adam Hertz's script.

Trying to impress Michelle's gorgeous younger sister (January Jones), Stifler dresses in pastel shirts, gushes over flowers and chocolate and deems everything "precious."

Dogs also bear the brunt of several gags. In one, Stifler lets a Pomeranian eat Michelle's wedding band, so of course he has to pick through droppings, which are later mistaken for a chocolate truffle.

In another scene, Jim's future in-laws find him in a compromising position with Stifler, two dogs and a lap full of cake frosting. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



→ Got Plans?

FOR COMPLETE WEEKEND LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT

Looking for something to do this weekend. Join the Live Online discussion every Thursday at 11 a.m.

Gurus, I am looking for a good tea café where I can sit, chat, read a magazine, and enjoy a cup of real tea.

Have you been to St. Elmo's on Mount Vernon Ave in Alexandria? It's a very popular, comfy spot where you can get a nice cup of tea, rest up in an easy chair, read a book from their lending library. Good pastries too. At Dupont's Teatism (2009 R. St.; 202-667-3827), you can watch the world go by.

What happened to DC Sessions, the free summer concert series at 8th and G?

It's been replaced by the wonder that is Live on Penn. (Technically they're not connected.) It costs \$3, but it's bigger, there are more (and better) bands on the schedule. Also, we think the setting is a little nicer. Anyone going to see Wyclef this week?



Gurus and peanut gallery alike are looking forward to Wyclef Jean.

I heard that U Street's Republic Gardens (or "Repub") is reopening. Is this true?

The tentative reopening date is August 15 (see our "This Week in Nightlife" column). While some changes are in store, we think it will be just as popular.

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See *The Washington Post* for full selection of *Movie* reviews

World Beaten Immigrants squeaking by any way they can in London's underground economy **Desson Howe** reviews "Dirty Pretty Things" | *Weekend*

Well-Mannered Drama Two sisters, one prim, one bohemian; one husband; two love affairs; one gem of a film. **Ann Hornaday** reviews "The Heart of Me" | *Weekend*

Film Freaks Cinephiles who live, breathe and eat for film are the subject of a documentary. Okay, they'd eat anyway. **Desson Howe** reviews "CinemaniaO" | *Weekend*



HEADS UP: One night only, y'all. DMX and Neptunes' Pharrell come to Dream, the slick entertainment palace. 1350 Okie St., NE; 202-636-9030

Entertainment

Movies



RALPH NELSON/COLUMBIA PICTURES

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck justify their love in the romantic comedy/bloody crime farce "Gigli." The couple met on the film's set and have been rumored to have had no chemistry ever since. After seeing the film, critics agree.

Get a Room, You Crazy Kids

Even making a game of watching this movie, trying to pinpoint the exact moment when Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez fell in love, stops being fun after a while.

Affleck stars as incompetent mob thug Larry Gigli, pronounced JEE-lee, a running joke that isn't funny the first time.

Gigli is asked to kidnap Brian (Justin Bartha), the mentally disabled younger brother of a

federal prosecutor who's going after a New York mobster (Al Pacino).

His boss, however, thinks he's incapable of handling the assignment alone and sends in Ricki (Lopez). Gigli is an anti-social lout who lives in a seedy apartment. Ricki is beautiful, grounded, enlightened.

But Ricki is also a lesbian, and despite the fact that she falls for him, it's incredibly misinformed

to suggest that a man's love is all she really needed.

After curious masochists check it out the first weekend, "Gigli" probably will have a drop-off in audience that rivals "The Hulk." And with the release next spring of Kevin Smith's "Jersey Girl," in which they also co-star, we can have this little conversation all over again.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



→GotPlans?

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Hey gurus and peanut gallery, we wanted to go for a romantic drive and possibly stay in a hotel for our anniversary. Thanks for any advice!

Check out our online guide to West Virginia and Virginia escapes (washingtonpost.com/travel/escapes). You could always go for broke at Poplar Springs, the Greenbrier, Homestead or Smokehouse Winery and B&B.



Charm City specializes in baseball and beer, as did native Babe Ruth.

Hey Gurus! I'm picking up my dad up at National around 11:30, and we'll need something fun to do before we head up to Baltimore around 4 to catch the O's-Red Sox game. Suggestions?

Why not head up to Baltimore

early? Consider touring Babe Ruth's birthplace, the Baltimore Civil War Museum or the newly opened Fells Point Maritime Museum.

My friends and I want to check out The Legend nightclub in Maryland; we love the old-school songs on their live broadcasts on 102.3. What is the crowd like on Saturdays?

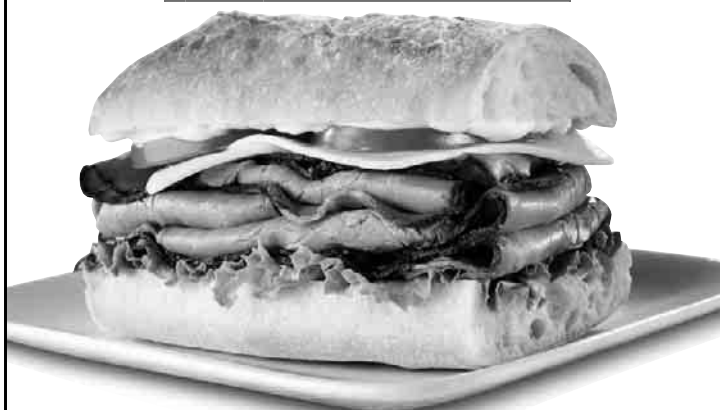
The Legend is a cool place. The crowd tends to be upper 20s, 30s and older. 3225 Naylor Road, Temple Hills. 301-894-3535.

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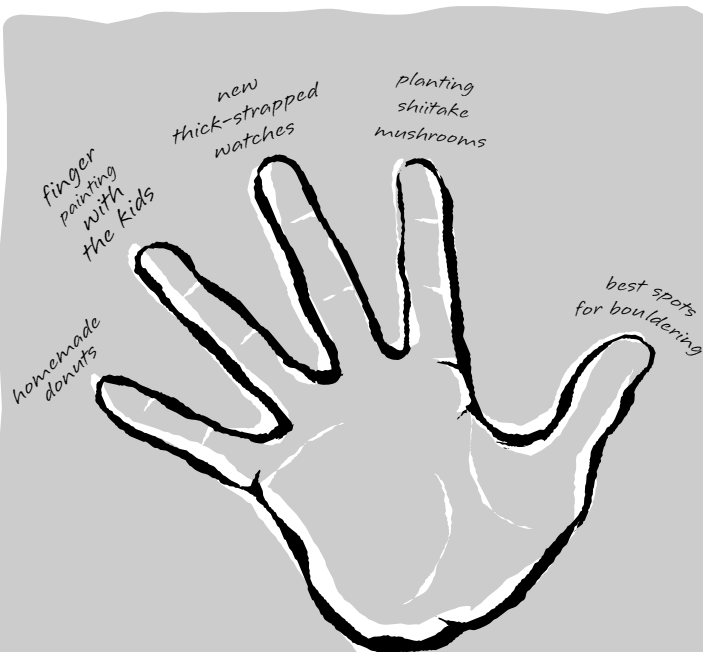
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MARGARET THOMAS/TWP

For romance, road trip or some rest, the Smokehouse welcomes you.

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Do you know if the Velvet Lounge is still closed?

It's open and ready for business.

Sunday in

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Princesses and Mall Rats

Hollywood targets teenage girls, but are these role models worth identifying with? Laura Sessions Stepp asks around. *Arts*

Playing With Fire

One of summer's most painful prices to pay for overindulgence — peeling skin; extreme sensitivity and funny tan lines. Find out how to treat a sunburn. *Sunday Source*

Is That You?

Instant mystery, ultra cool, and in all the latest styles. Get shady with a roundup of sunglasses in the style spotlight. Check out "The Look." *Sunday Source*

Men in Skirts on PBS

Clash of the titans, dramatic re-enactments, zero body fat. PBS makes a documentary on "The Spartans," Philip Kennicott reviews it. *Arts*



CHEAP DATE: Take your sweetie out on the town for fewer dollars during Restaurant Week; see washingtonpost.com/dining.

TV LISTINGS

BUFFY THE BARGAIN HUNTER

MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT (8:30 p.m., Friday, Nickelodeon) Jenny (voiced by Janice Kawaye) may be a curvy metallic robot charged with saving the world, but she really wants to coo over boy bands and shop.

OOPS, I FORGOT TO HAVE KIDS

WILD CARD (9 p.m., Saturday, Lifetime) follows the "instant family" formula. Zoe Busiek (Joely Fisher), a free spirit working at a Las Vegas blackjack table, inherits her two nieces and a nephew after her sister's sudden death.

CULT CHOICES

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (8 p.m., Friday, AMC) An alien (Michael Rennie) brings a message of peace to suspicious earthlings.

SHOWGIRLS (10 p.m., Saturday, VH1) Worst movie ever? It may be this smutty 1995 mega-bomb stars Elizabeth Berkley, Gina Gershon and Kyle MacLachlan.

FRIDAY

BOSTON PUBLIC (9 p.m., Fox) Hanson baby-sits for his troubled sister.

DEAD LIKE ME (10 p.m., Showtime) George adjusts to (after)life with her new roommate (Laura Harris), a flighty 1930s Hollywood fixture.

SATURDAY

THE THREE STOOGES (8 p.m., ABC) Before Michael Chiklis won an Emmy for "The Shield," he played Curly in this TV biopic.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE (9 p.m., Starz) A slain pop singer's biggest fan teams up with his valet to find his killer.

SUNDAY

AMERICAN DREAMS (8 p.m., NBC) The pilot episode, in which a teen lives out her Bandstand fantasy.

THE RESTAURANT (10 p.m., NBC) Rocco fiddles while his staff does a slow burn on this (food) source of reality television. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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“We get hundreds of e-mails from readers (who) feel frustrated because sometimes they just don’t get guys. I also get hundreds of letters from guys who...want to understand women. Guys want to know what it is that will make women happy.” — COSMOPOLITAN EDITOR KATE WHITE

HE SAYS

“All the cliches we know about men’s interests are cliches ’cause they’re true. Guys love cars and action movies and hate talking about the relationship.”

— MAXIM EDITOR KEITH BLANCHARD



Fear and Longing

Popular magazines do their best to decipher the opposite sex

Right up there with the male fantasy of hiding in a girls’ locker room is the dream of sneaking a look at the other team’s playbook.

A spoof in the August issue of Maxim, the irreverent men’s magazine that bills itself as “the best thing to happen to men since women,” is a simple lesson in how to score that reveals how men wish women would talk to women about men.

Confused?

In reality, both teams are too, as they play the game that’s as old as the species. In a section of the laddie bible devoted to advice on How To (build a doghouse; train a hawk; dodge a mob hit) is a two-page spread on “How to Get Her to Strip.”

Operating on the theory that no better tool exists for influencing a woman than her favorite

magazine, it suggests that readers clip a story titled “How to Strip for Your Boyfriend” — which mimics the look of a page in Cosmopolitan — and present it to their favorite gullible woman.

How could she possibly remain unmotivated after reading the subhead: “University studies prove that a little bump ‘n’ grind creates a stronger emotional bond between partners. Plus, it makes your butt smaller!”

Keith Blanchard, Maxim’s 37-year-old editor in chief, conceived the prank, and was confident that his friends at Cosmo would be amused. “It’s really all about not taking service Trendss too seriously,” he says.

Not taking anything very seriously, including pictures of seriously underdressed young women, has made the cheeky 6-year-old British import from Dennis Publishing a newsstand hit. A banner listing the subjects that most interest the Maxim man crawls across every cover: “Sex, Sports, Beer, Gadgets.”

Women love talking about relationships, the complementary cliché holds. And they devour information on how to attract and keep a man, material that has long been the mother’s milk of Cosmopolitan. In fact, Cosmo has published Trendss instructing its readers on the fine art of the private strip.

“We do pieces from time to time on that, when we’ll talk about how much guys like visual stimulation,” says Cosmopolitan editor Kate White. “If this really were a Cosmo piece, we would address the notion that a woman might feel self-conscious in the situation, and we’d discuss doing it in a way that makes her more comfortable.”

Like men and women, Cosmo and Maxim have more in common than one might think. Both are famous for overheated cover lines, such as Cosmo’s promise of “Ten Make Him Throb Moves so Hot You’ll Need a Fire Hose to Cool Down the Bed.” Both approach the other gender with equal parts fear, longing and bewilderment.

Sports

In Brief

HORSE RACING

Funny Cide Readies for First Ride Since Belmont

Funny Cide drew the No. 5 post position and was made the morning line favorite for the \$1 million Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park, his first start since failing to win the Triple Crown. The New York-bred gelding will face six rivals in the 1 1/8-mile race for 3-year-olds. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Rockies' Escalator Will Be Closed Indefinitely

A company's report on what caused an escalator at Coors Field to malfunction and injure 35 people is inadequate and all the stadium's escalators will remain shut down indefinitely, a city official said Thursday. The city plans to conduct a weight test that will load a total of 22,500 pounds in increments to test the brakes. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

Super Mario Returning

Mario Lemieux announced on Thursday that he will play next season for the Pittsburgh Penguins. He had hinted at retirement during the 2002-2003 season. (AP)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Webb Tied for Lead After One Round at Open

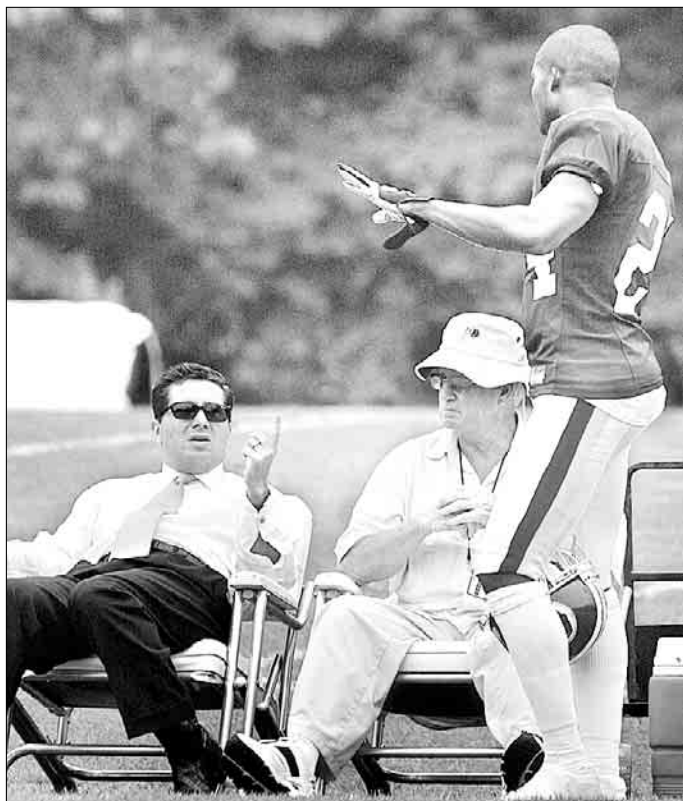
Defending champion and three-time winner Karrie Webb fired an eagle and five birdies in a 5-under 67 on Thursday to share the clubhouse lead with early riser Wendy Ward at the Women's British Open. Annika Sorenstam is only one stroke behind after two rounds. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles to Allow Fans to Bring Food Into Stadium

The Philadelphia Eagles said Thursday they would allow fans to bring small quantities of food in clear plastic bags into the football team's new stadium, reversing a ban on outside food that had fueled fan outrage and bad publicity. The Eagles had claimed the ban was for security reasons; fans accused the team of greed, saying they would be forced to buy expensive concession food. (AP)

FOOTBALL | ABOUT THAT CONTRACT ...



MONEY TALKS: Washington Redskins cornerback Champ Bailey, who says he is underpaid, chats with owner Daniel Snyder at practice.

In the Post: Will Bailey sign now or wait for free agency? See today's Sports section for more behind-the-scenes details on Bailey's contract situation.

Ponson Traded by Orioles to Giants

Pitcher rejected latest contract extension offered by Baltimore

Baseball | The Baltimore Orioles made the San Francisco Giants pay a big price to get the first-rate starting pitcher they coveted: Sidney Ponson, who was traded from the Baltimore Orioles Thursday for three pitchers.

The Orioles got left-hander Damian Moss, promising rookie right-hander Kurt Ainsworth and valuable left-handed prospect

Ryan Hannaman for Ponson.

Ponson, having his best season as a Major Leaguer, was 14-6 with a 3.77 ERA for Baltimore this season. He turned down a \$15 million, three-year contract extension from the Orioles, and the sides had exchanged proposals since. Ponson is eligible for free agency this winter.

Ainsworth is widely considered a future star, going 5-4 with a 3.82 ERA in 11 starts before breaking his shoulder blade. He isn't expected to pitch again this season.

GREG BEACHAM (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

GOLF (4 p.m. on USA) Tiger Woods looks to improve on Thursday's 69 at the Buick Open.

GOLF (10 a.m. on TNT) Karrie Webb

leads the Women's British Open.

BASEBALL (7:05 on Comcast) The Boston Red Sox visit the Baltimore Orioles.

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Sports

Returning to the Scene of the Punch

Stewart to take part in Brickyard 400 after fighting anger

NASCAR | Tony Stewart left Indianapolis Motor Speedway last year trying desperately to hold his career together. He had punched a

photographer after the Brickyard 400, the latest blow to the image of NASCAR's bad boy.

As he had done so many times before, Stewart picked himself up and moved on — all the way to his first Winston Cup championship.

Now he heads back to the Brickyard this weekend.

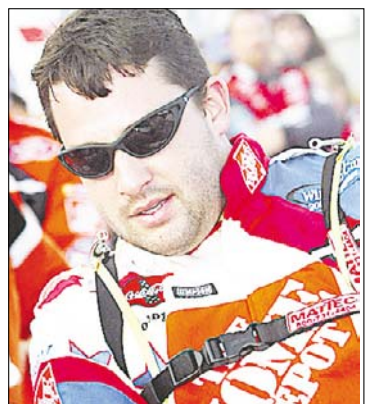
"Sometimes you have to have something bad happen for something good to come out of it," Stewart said.

Stewart admitted his terrible temper was too much to handle, and sought help through anger management classes.

He then persuaded car owner Joe Gibbs and sponsor Home Depot not to give up on him.

He rallied to win the championship, closing the chapter on the most difficult season of Stewart's career on a positive note.

JENNA FRYER (AP)



Tony Stewart says he has reformed his ways after hitting a photographer.

Judge: Kobe Can't Skip

Reporters argue for access to sealed records in case

EAGLE, COLO. | A judge rejected Kobe Bryant's request to skip next week's initial court appearance in his sexual assault case, his attorney said Thursday.

Hal Haddon said the request was filed Thursday morning and rejected a few hours later by Judge Fred Gannett. Haddon commented during a break in a hearing on a media organization request to see

sealed court records in the case.

Chris Beall, representing several media organizations, argued the NBA superstar waived his right to privacy when he declared his innocence at a news conference hours after the charge was filed.

Beall said the presumption of public access to court records is "a hallmark of our judicial system."

District Attorney Mark Hurlbert and defense lawyers have argued the records should be withheld because publicity could affect Bryant's right to a fair trial.

JENNIFER HAMILTON (AP)

HEARSAY | DAMN YANKEES



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Ohio's Clarett Barred From Practice

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Ohio State tailback Maurice Claret admitted exaggerating the value of items he reported stolen from a car he was driving and will be kept from pre-season practice while the NCAA investigates.

In a statement released Wednesday, athletic director Andy Geiger and head coach Jim Tressel said Claret wouldn't participate in camp until "all issues related to his eligibility regarding his amateur

status have been resolved."

The NCAA is investigating a police report filed by Claret claiming cash and thousands of dollars of stereo equipment were stolen from the car.

Claret has been under investigation by the NCAA in recent weeks. The stolen property is just part of the investigation, Geiger added.

The NCAA won't comment on pending investigations. (AP)

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Maurice Claret was valuable in more than one way during Ohio State's run at the national title.

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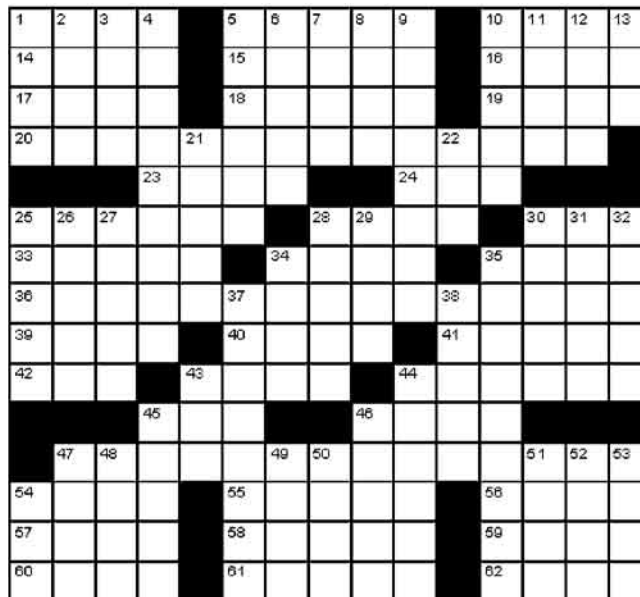
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- 14 Openly declare
- 15 Oil source
- 16 Over's partner
- 17 Expensive rental
- 18 Deep pink
- 19 Rex's admonition
- 20 "Good grief!"
- 23 ___ T
- 24 It can put you on public transit
- 25 Stop-and-go message?
- 30 Ancient Egyptian amulet
- 35 Suffix with Canaan
- 36 Let go of
- 38 Give the slip
- 39 "Good grief!"
- 43 Laces into
- 44 Dry as dust
- 45 Court decision
- 46 Lure and nab
- 48 They spew contempt
- 51 Yearbook sect.
- 53 Gaslight, e.g.
- 54 "Good grief!"
- 62 Music to a father's ears
- 63 Cauthen in the irons
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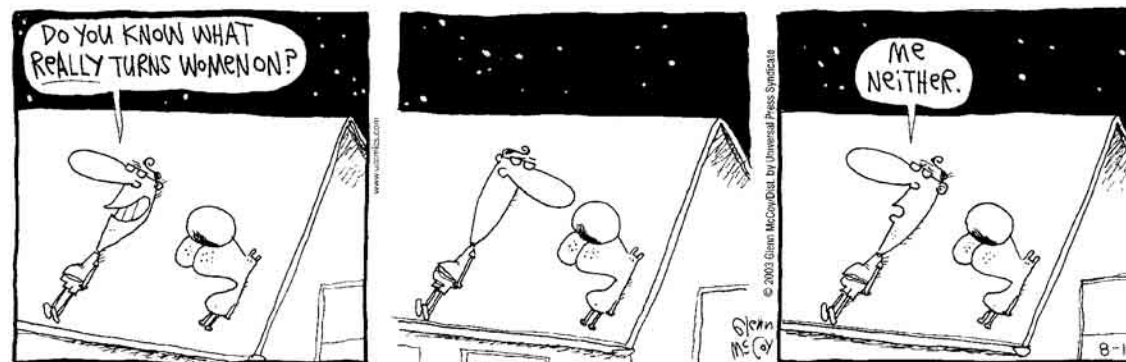
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- 7 Pepper pulverizer
- 8 Shy away from
- 9 Does certain library work

- 10 Diamond thief's target?
- 11 Opposing side
- 12 Gravy holder
- 13 Indefinite amount
- 21 ___ out (dress up)
- 22 Bad habits
- 25 Churchgoer's donation
- 26 Patriotic Allen

- 27 Opposite of the lion's share
- 28 They give hugs
- 29 Certain two-wheeler
- 31 See 10-Across
- 32 Coin worth 100 kopecks
- 33 Harmonica master Larry
- 34 Fleshy red vegetables
- 37 Opening for a dermatologist
- 40 Seasoned seaman
- 41 Hidden supplies
- 42 Most tranquil
- 47 Mazur's "quickly"
- 49 Recipient of many unhappy returns?
- 50 He's "up" each Christmas
- 52 Was straight in the saddle
- 54 Atlantic City action
- 55 Some poetic efforts
- 56 Dermatologist's study
- 57 ___ cava (major blood vessel)
- 58 Where ender
- 59 Distinct quality
- 60 Grow together (with "out")
- 61 Barely manages (with "out")
- 62 Use a mattock

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Start something that could pay off in unimagined ways in the near future. Be more daring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Oct. 22) — You may be wondering what all the fuss is about. There does seem to be something special in the air. Focus on the task at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Not everyone will be aware of your true intentions, and don't feel compelled to explain yourself. Stick to what you know best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be striving for something that will remain out

of reach for some time. The process itself can give you a great deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Expect to encounter one or two people unwilling to give you the credit you deserve. Despite this, you know your worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Everything will feel more vibrant and exciting as a result of a recent shift in attitude and an outlook overhaul.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Expect a fight to the finish — but remember, when all is said and done, your closest competitor may also be your most valued friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Focus on relationship issues. Don't pass up an opportunity to examine that which is most

important to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Combine the physical and emotional with the intellectual and psychological. Strive to be well-rounded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll want to know, before the day is out, just what it is that gives you the advantage — if, indeed, you have one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Organization is the key to success. Any moment you may find yourself with too many things to do; schedule carefully.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Refuse to do things the old fashioned way — experiment with a new and risky method or two.

STELLA WILDER

LIVE ONLINE

Greg Proops

Actor, comedian and regular on the improvisational comedy TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Proops performed Thursday at the D.C. Improv.

How did you get your start? For someone who all of a sudden decides mid-career they want to do stand-up, any recommendations? — WASHINGTON, D.C.

I got my start like everybody else, as a trapeze artist in the circus. For those just starting in stand-up, get as much stage time as you can and don't take no for an answer.

How does performing on the American "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" compare to performing on the British version and what are some of the biggest differences? — PUYALLUP, WASH.

When in America, American audiences are the greatest in the world. When I am in England, English audiences are the greatest. Also, in England we have to improvise on the left hand side.

Are you planning a tour stop in Texas? — FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

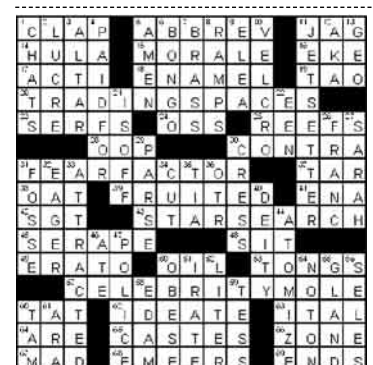
Not that I know of. We were going to play in Texas but the impasse in the Texas Legislature has held us up. We are currently in committee Senate bill 465.

I spilled coffee on my shirt on my way to work. Why do we live in such a cold, cruel world?

— WASHINGTON, D.C.

I sympathize with your unendurable agony. I once got lint on a Hugo Boss jacket. Where's my parade?

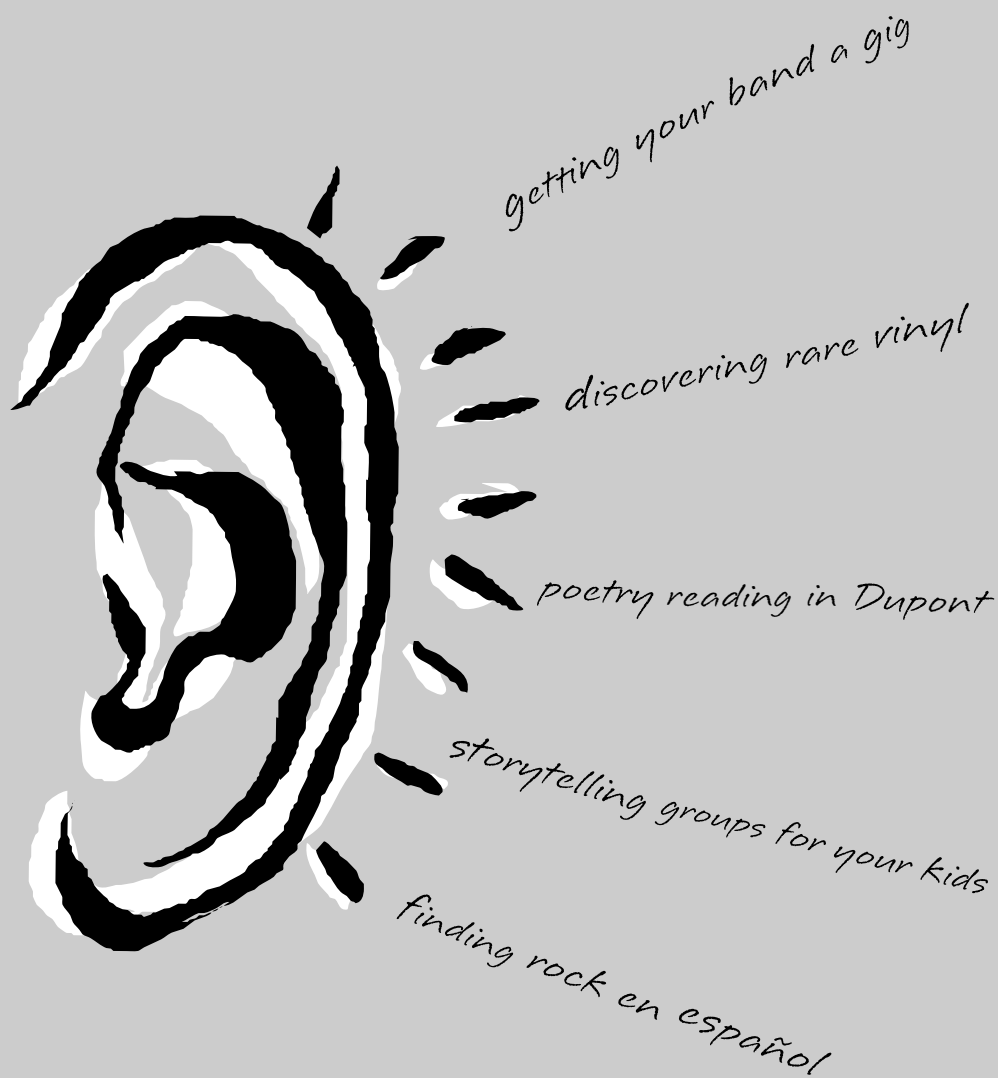
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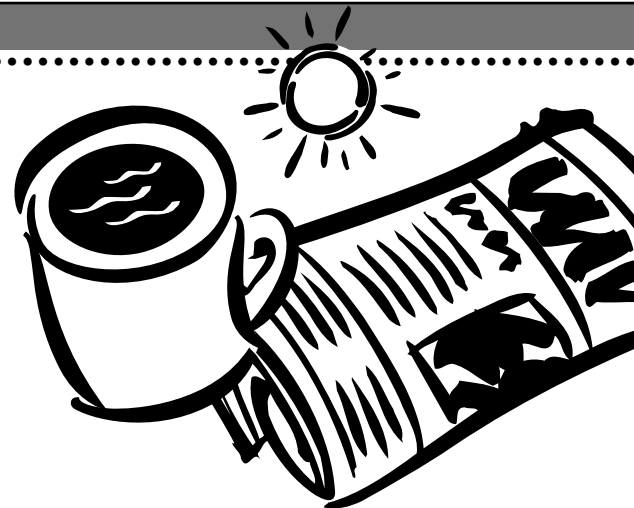
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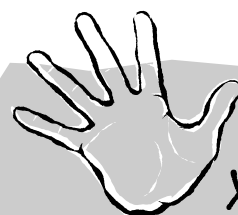
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Commentary

Gotcha... Punk!

Sadistic? Sure, but 'ambush' television is also refreshing

Reality TV is becoming more and more like reality itself on a bad day — almost impossible to escape and increasingly cruel.

From the Sci-Fi Channel's "Scare Tactics" to MTV's "Punk'd," the latest round of shows has turned to a time-tested strategy for breaking through the facade: the ambush.

One of the oldest reality formats

humorous foibles of people who don't realize they're being watched, but to instill true terror and then burst in at the last moment with a laugh to let the victims know that they should be delighted because, after all, they're going to be on TV.

In one skit on Doherty's show, "Scare Tactics," an unsuspecting man is lured into a fake biohazard zone and ambushed by men in hazmat suits warning that he has been exposed to dangerous materials and needs to strip to his underwear so that he can be sprayed with foam.

In another, a man watches as his friend, who is in on the gag, succumbs, bloodily, to a fatal parasite and is taken away by paramedics.

The victim is informed that he has likely been exposed to the same parasite, and the camera zooms in as he starts to look ill while the paramedic tells him that the symptoms are setting in.

Ambush shows invite us, the viewers, to side with the manipulators and to see the real dupe as the poor sap dancing around in his underwear to get the ostensibly contaminated clothes away from his skin.

In on the joke from the start, the viewer is placed, ever so briefly, in the privileged position of the insider — an increasingly inaccessible one in the real world (if not in reality TV) where power and wealth are becoming concentrated in the hands of a shrinking few.

At the same time, the "gotcha" scene, at the climax of every segment when the pranksters reveal themselves, provides a moment of release from a threatening reality.

In an era of multiplying anxieties, it's nice to imagine a world in which, at the very moment when things seem to have gone terribly awry, a well-known face might just step out from behind the scenes to tell us that it was all just a big joke.

And as long as we get it, we're no longer the dupes, are we? (NEWSDAY)



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At least Ashton Kutcher's "punks" have it coming — they're celebrities.

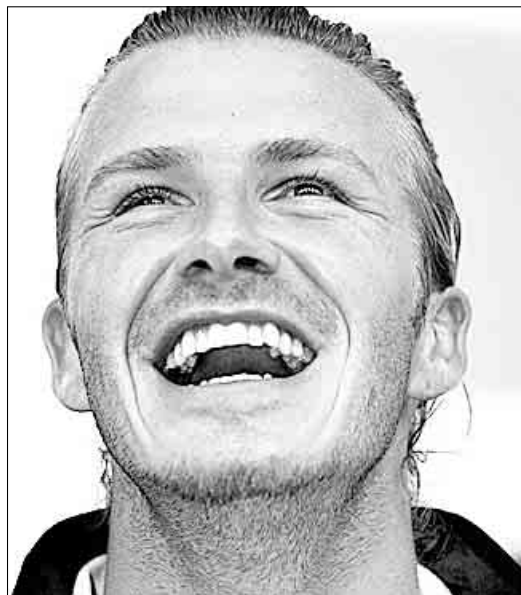
around, "Candid Camera," was a pioneer in the use of comparatively tame practical jokes played on unwitting victims. More recently, investigative journalism demonstrated the importance of the ambush in getting at the truth.

But in a world in which undercover reporting has been replaced by a fascination with what's going on under the covers, we are no longer titillated by the spectacle of Mike Wallace ambushing wrongdoers.

Instead, we're tickled by a snide Shannen Doherty or a snickering Ashton Kutcher preying on hapless innocents (at least in part — Kutcher mercifully targets celebrities, who, in a way, asked for it).

The current spate of prank shows exhibits a palpably vicious edge, summed up by the attitude of "Crank Yankers," a Comedy Central show in which puppets act out crank phone calls.

The goal is not to delight in the



DOMENICO STINELLI/AP

SPORTS

Beckham Bucks?

Brits want to see soccer player **DAVID BECKHAM** on their bank notes, according to a survey conducted Thursday. Real Madrid's newest star topped the poll, released to coincide with the last day of author **CHARLES DICKENS'** stint on the back of the 10 pound note. Dickens will be replaced by scientist **CHARLES DARWIN**. **WINSTON CHURCHILL** was another favorite. Prime Minister **TONY BLAIR** was the least wanted, according to the poll, conducted for financial firm Virgin Money. Beckham's wife, **VICTORIA**, could not match her husband's popularity, being named the fifth most unwanted bank note. Perhaps former Spice Girl **GERI HALLIWELL** would be better? (AP)

FILM

Kidman Wins Libel Suit

Oscar-winning actress **NICOLE KIDMAN** accepted a public apology and undisclosed damages Thursday to settle a libel suit against the Daily Mail, which suggested she had an adulterous affair with her co-star **JUDE LAW**. The March 6 report said the duo's affair led to strained relations between Law and his wife, **SADIE FROST**. The newspaper apologized for the distress and embarrassment and agreed to pay Kidman's legal costs. (AP)



AP

MUSIC

Simmons in a Jam

Officials have ordered **RUSSELL SIMMONS** to turn over records and documents as part of their probe into whether the hip-hop mogul violated New York state laws while trying to reform the state's mandatory drug sentencing statutes.



AP

Simmons, the founder of Def Jam records, and civil rights leader **BENJAMIN CHAVIS** sought a temporary restraining order against the investigation. Simmons, Chavis and others are trying to reform or repeal the 1970s-era state drug laws that mandate long sentences for possessing and selling small amounts of illegal drugs. (AP)

TELEVISION

Carrie's New Dance Partner

He's Mr. Big in the dance world. Now **MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV** is ready to take on Carrie Bradshaw in "Sex and the City." The dance legend has signed on to play **SARAH JESSICA PARKER's** love interest in the comedy, HBO says.

Baryshnikov, who has some acting experience in films, will play the popular international artist **ALEXANDER PETROVSKY**, who meets and falls in love with Bradshaw, the star character portrayed by Parker. Bradshaw and



AP/PIGETTY

Petrovsky meet at an art gallery in one of the episodes airing later this summer. He'll be a featured actor in the final eight episodes of the series that will air beginning in January. (AP)

BOOKS

Diary of an Ad-Lib Man

Hyperion will publish "Making It Up As I Go Along," a memoir of comedian **WAYNE BRADY's** experiences with family, career, death, personal struggles and celebrity. "This book will offer Wayne's legions of fans a chance to know him better," said Hyperion President Bob Miller, who made the announcement this week. The memoir will



be published in May 2004. Brady, 31, won best talk-show host at this year's Daytime Emmys, and "The Wayne Brady Show" tied for best talk show with "The View." (AP)

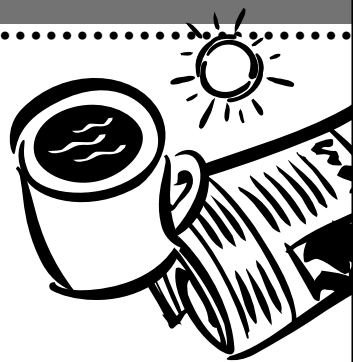


Queen cuts a new figure.

FILM

Queen Resized

QUEEN LATIFAH has brought down the curves. The rapper and Oscar-nominated actress had breast-reduction surgery in April, going from "well over an E cup" to a double D, USA Today reported. Latifah, 33, said she had the surgery to relieve her chronic back pain, not to conform to anyone's idea of ideal body image. "It took a year and a half to make that decision," she said. "It wasn't for confidence or image. I'm the anti-Hollywood girl. The more people encouraged it, the more I resisted it. I know a lot of people who run to the plastic surgeon for every little thing. But me? Don't touch my nose, my hips, my stomach." (EXPRESS)



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